

November 27, 2002

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SUBJECT: SALEM NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION, UNIT NOS. 1 AND 2,  
EVALUATION OF RELIEF REQUEST SC-RR-E01 AND SC-RR-L01 (TAC NOS.  
MB6096, MB6097, MB6101 AND MB6102)

Dear Mr. Keiser:

By letter dated July 8, 2002, PSEG Nuclear, LLC submitted twelve requests for relief from Section XI of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.55a(a)(3)(i). Among the requested reliefs were SC-RR-E01, a request to invoke the 1998 Edition including 1998 Addenda of IWE for class MC components, and SC-RR-L01, a request to invoke the 1998 Edition including 1998 Addenda of IWL for class CC components.

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Sincerely,

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